

Application No.: 10/716,882Docket No.: 4590-235REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 and 5-23 remain pending in the application.

Claims 1-3 and 5-23 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In response, Claims 1 and 11 have been amended and are believed to overcome the rejection for the reasons discussed below.

Specifically, with respect to Claim 1, the Examiner questioned that it was not clear how all the hinging means allow rotation around an axis with respect to what ground. In response, Claim 1 has been amended to recite that "all said hinging means allow rotation around any axis with respect to any ground." This wording is in accordance with the initial wording of the Claim 4 before it was incorporated into Claim 1. Moreover, it is supported in the description at page 5 lines 6 to 10, especially in regards of the "universal hinges" described at line 9.

With respect to Claim 11, Claim 11 has been amended to more clearly recite that there are three coupling devices according to the invention. This is discussed in the specification on page 6, lines 4-12. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-2, 5-18 and 20-23 are rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by US Patent Number 3,419,238, to Flory. Claims 3 and 19 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Flory '238. Applicant respectfully submits that these rejections have been previously addressed in the last amendment submitted on November 14, 2006 when claim for was incorporated into Claim 1.

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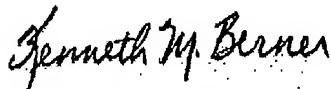
All objections and rejections having been addressed Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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